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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Richard Lehman  
D/OCI

SUBJECT : 14 August Draft Memorandum to USIB  
Principals "An Intelligence Alert  
System"

This looks like a good idea. I have two suggestions, designed to avoid the obvious danger that we will overload (a) the NIOs and (b) everyone else.

First, let us stress that we would not issue an Alerting Memorandum unless we were prepared simultaneously to recommend that WSAG convene. A rather reverse criterion of this sort seems necessary lest we find ourselves simply inventing another current intelligence publication.

Second, let us not commit ourselves to coordination. Specifically, revise the second sentence of paragraph four to read "If the DCI concurred, he would charge the responsible NIO with getting the memorandum prepared, consulting among the USIB agencies to the extent feasible."

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<b>Remarks:</b>  Here is a first crack at the memorandum to USIB that the DCI asked for. Please let me have comments by COB Thursday, 22 August.  <div style="text-align: right;">Richard Lehman D/OCI</div> <div style="text-align: right;">1-3- would like to discuss this with you on Thurs. AM.</div>					
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